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SUBJECT: IAEA NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT TRAINING COURSE

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1. IN RESPONSE IAEA INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
IN HOSTING SUBJECT TRAINING COURSE, MISSION REQUESTED TRANSMIT
TO AGENCY LETTER AS FOLLOWS (UNNECESSARY WORDS DELETED)
QUOTE USAEC STRONGLY ENDORSES AND ENCOURAGES PROPOSED IAEA
PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANCE
TO CADRES OF MANAGEMENT LEVEL PERSONNEL OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
CONTEMPLATING ENTRY INTO NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS. AGENCY TO
BE COMMENDED FOR ITS INITIATION OF THIS TIMELY AND FORWARD-
LOOKING PROGRAM.

WE BELIEVE THAT NATURE OF PROPOSED COURSE ON NUCLEAR POWER
PROJECT ENGINEERING AND ITS RECOMMENDED CONTENTS, WHEN
SUPPLEMENTED IN EACH COUNTRY BY MANAGERS, STAFF ENGINEERS AND
TECHNICIANS POSSESSING NECESSARY PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL
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TRAINING IN RELEVANT SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINES AS WILL BE

IDENTIFIED AND DESCRIBED IN IAEA COURSE, WILL PROVIDE MAJOR ENHANCEMENT IN ASSURANCE OF SAFETY, RELIABILITY AND SECURITY IN NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS. THEREFORE, UNITED STATES IS PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN DETAILED DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INITIAL PHASE THIS COURSE. IN RESPONSE, WE ARE PLEASED TO OUTLINE BRIEFLY IN ATTACHED OUTLINE THE USAEC PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPING AND PRESENTING THIS IAEA COURSE. UNQUOTE

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT (UNNECESSARY WORDS DELETED) OF OUTLINE ON U.S. PROPOSAL FOR ATTACHMENT TO LETTER.

QUOTE

A. LOCATION: BASIC HEADQUARTERS LOCATION FOR COURSE WILL BE AT ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

B. ORGANIZATION: 1. AEC(ERDA) WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR GENERAL OVERSIGHT OF PROGRAM, FOR PRESENTATION OF COURSE, AND FOR LIAISON WITH IAEA RELEVANT THERETO. AEC(NRC) ORGANIZATION WILL MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH AEC (ERDA) IN DEVELOPMENT OF COURSE AND IN CONTRIBUTING AN APPROPRIATE SHARE OF INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT. 2. CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS OF ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERALL ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF COURSE. 3. A GROUP OF NUCLEAR INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS, REPRESENTING U.S. REACTOR VENDORS, ARCHITECT-ENGINEERS, NUCLEAR POWER UTILITIES, AND OTHERS, ORGANIZED THROUGH ATOMIC INDUSTRIAL FORUM, OR SOME OTHER REPRESENTATIVE INDUSTRY GROUP, WILL COLLABORATE WITH ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY IN DEVELOPING AND PRESENTING THOSE COURSE TOPICS IN WHICH RESPECTIVE INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS POSSESS PARTICULAR EXPERIENCES AND EXPERTISE. FIELD VISITS TO LICENSED NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR STATIONS AT APPROPRIATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION WILL BE SCHEDULED. 4. IN COLLABORATION WITH IAEA, INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF AND GUEST LECTURERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WILL BE SELECTED TO PRESENT ALTERNATE PRACTICES AND PERSPECTIVES ON APPROPRIATE TOPICS.

C. ROLE OF IAEA: AEC UNDERSTANDS THAT IAEA, IN SPONSORING INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE, WILL EXERCISE GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY IN COLLABORATION WITH HOST COUNTRY FOR SELECTING APPROPRIATE COURSE PARTICIPANTS, FOR ESTABLISHING PREREQUISITE CREDENTIALS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE PARTICIPANTS, FOR PROVIDING SUBSISTENCE SCHOLARSHIPS TO PARTICIPANTS, AND FOR ASSISTING IN DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER OF COURSE BY SUPPLYING IAEA AND GUEST LECTURERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. AEC WELCOMES AND SUPPORTS THIS INVOLVEMENT OF IAEA AS BEING HIGHLY APPROPRIATE.

D. SCHEDULE: AEC WOULD EXPECT, IF ITS PROPOSED PRESENTATION OF COURSE IS ACCEPTED, TO BE READY FOR PRESENTATION TO BEGIN

SEPTEMBER 8, 1975, AND IN ACCORD WITH NOVEMBER 25-29 PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS, TO CONTINUE THROUGH A SUCCESSIVE PRESENTATION IN 1976 OF PHASE 1, IN COOPERATION WITH TIME SCHEDULES ESTABLISHED BY THE IAEA. LATER, DEPENDING ON ONGOING DEVELOPMENTS AND ON IAEA SCHEDULES, AEC WOULD CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT AND PRESENTATION OF PHASES 2 AND 3 OF COURSE WHEN SCHEDULING OF THESE PARTS IS APPROPRIATE; AEC DOES CONSIDER PARTS 2 AND 3 TO BE VITALLY IMPORTANT TO DEVELOPMENT OF SOUND AND BALANCED NUCLEAR PROJECTS.

AEC WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY, THROUGH TASK FORCE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY, U.S. NUCLEAR INDUSTRY, AND AEC, TO DEVELOP DETAILED OUTLINE OF PHASE 1 COURSE PRESENTATION AND ESTABLISH SCHEDULES FOR COMPLETION OF COMPONENT TASKS WITHIN THE TIME AVAILABLE IN ORDER THAT THE SHAPE OF THE ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING FOR THIS PROGRAM WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON THE VISIT OF THE AGENCY STAFF TO THE U.S. TO REVIEW THESE PLANS.

E. FINANCES: AEC, AS RESPONSIBLE HOST COUNTRY ORGANIZATION, AND IN COOPERATION WITH INDUSTRIAL GROUPS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, WILL BE PLEASED TO FURNISH SUPPORT, IN SUPPLEMENTATION OF THAT FURNISHED BY IAEA, FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND PRESENTATION OF COURSE IN ACCORD WITH A DETAILED "AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION" TO BE DEVELOPED. UNQUOTE

3. MISSION REQUESTED ADVISE SOONEST OF AGENCY STAFF PLANS

TO VISIT U.S. FOR DISCUSSION THIS PROGRAM.
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